Faculty and staff of the College of Health Sciences are proud to be part of Made in Milwaukee, Shaping the World—the largest and most comprehensive fundraising campaign in the university’s history. This campaign will help us carry out our vision to become the leading urban health sciences college, where a diversity of students, scientists, and professionals combine learning, discovery, and technology to improve the health and well-being of our communities.

Our college is widely known for its excellent teaching and learning, its superb innovative research and its extensive community engagement and service to the various health professions. We have identified a number of strategic investment opportunities that will catalyze our ability to enhance student success, stay on the cutting edge of research excellence and build strong community engagement with our partners.

The health care industry is evolving as we move away from sick care to wellness promotion. Now is the time to invest boldly in the College of Health Sciences. With your help, we will continue to produce outstanding graduates who are indeed shaping the world.

Ron A. Cisler, Dean

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $4 MILLION
The College of Health Sciences has more than 2,000 students pursuing bachelor's degrees in biomedical sciences, communication sciences and disorders, health care administration, kinesiology, nutritional sciences, and occupational studies; master's degrees in athletic training, biomedical sciences, communication sciences and disorders, health care administration, health care informatics, kinesiology, and occupational therapy; and doctoral degrees in health sciences, kinesiology, and physical therapy.

Our college relies on scholarships and fellowships to attract high-quality students and keep them in our program. We also seek to support our students by expanding and improving physical spaces and providing up-to-date equipment and lab environments.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES
Undergraduate students are the lifeblood of our college, and support for their education underscores the university’s dual mission of access and research. A newly established scholarship can be named after the donor, a loved one, a mentor, or an esteemed faculty member. Endowed scholarships provide support in perpetuity while current-use scholarships can be established for a specified period of time.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
A graduate scholarship, also called a fellowship, provides a stipend that supports a student conducting a research project or working in a clinical setting. Fellowships are strong recruiting tools that help entice graduate students to choose the College of Health Sciences for their study.

EQUIPMENT
Hands-on instruction is essential for our students to excel in their chosen fields. Because technology evolves so rapidly, our labs are in constant need of updates. Support for our equipment funds, including donations of gently used equipment, helps us keep students and faculty on top of technological advancements.

Mary Quick Taugher was the first person in her family to earn a college degree. After graduating from the Milwaukee Normal School (the forerunner of UWM) in 1920s, she returned to the School of Education in the 1940s as a widowed single parent. Her daughter, Mary P. Taugher, earned both her master's and doctoral degrees from UWM in the 1960s and 1990s, respectively, while working full time in the Milwaukee health care community. She finished a long occupational therapy clinical career with a UWM faculty appointment in what is now known as the Department of Occupational Science and Technology.

Mary P. Taugher established the Taugher Family Scholarship to support graduate students in occupational therapy. "It is designed to encourage lifelong learning by helping students in non-traditional circumstances pursue their education," she explains.

Jessica DeGroot, a Taugher Family Scholar who graduated with her master’s in occupational therapy in 2016, says this scholarship enabled her to pursue her dreams. "I discovered my interest in occupational therapy when my husband was injured shortly after we were married," she says. "Without this scholarship, I might not have been able to start this career I love."
TRANSFORMING IDEAS

Each day, our faculty and staff engage in research that is fundamental to advancing knowledge in the health sciences. More than 80 faculty and staff work in 30-plus research and instructional laboratories and six research centers.

Our research clusters focus on biomedical technologies; disability and rehabilitation; health and wellness across the lifespan; health informatics and administration; pathogenesis; and population health and health disparities. Support for research and scholarship helps the College of Health Sciences provide a platform on which original ideas—and their end results—can take shape.

GOAL FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT: $1 MILLION

PROFESSORSHIPS
Endowed professorships provide perpetual income for faculty salaries and associated expenses, such as research costs, activities, and conference support. A great honor to the faculty member, professorships allow the school to direct money that would have been spent on salaries toward other school needs.

STUDENT RESEARCH POSITIONS
Graduate students play an integral part in the research conducted at the College of Health Sciences, and they receive wages for serving as research assistants. These positions have become a key tool in attracting promising graduate students, as well as top-tier faculty who need support to conduct their research.

RESEARCH PROJECTS
Our faculty and students are constantly working on projects that directly affect the community and the health care industry. Support for research projects—for topics such as aging, biomedical sciences, disabilities, HIV nutrition, and physical rehabilitation—helps our faculty and students transform their ideas into tangible, life-changing solutions.

FIREFIGHTERS AND ATHLETES

Kyle Ebersole works with heroes. Specifically, he helps firefighters and professional baseball players through his research on injury prevention, strength training, and physiological performance. Ebersole, who chairs the Integrative Health Care & Performance Unit in the Department of Kinesiology, conducts much of his research in the college’s Human Performance & Sport Physiology Laboratory.

That research has paid off. Since 2010, Ebersole has been part of a collaborative initiative in the Milwaukee Fire Department that has saved the city and taxpayers money. After studying the unique demands of firefighters for nearly a decade, he used his expertise to help develop fitness and injury-prevention screening methods and improve training and preparation of new recruits. The success of his research has helped lead to recent partnerships with North Shore Fire Department and Greenfield Fire Department.

Roger Caplinger, director of medical operations for the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, has seen the value in Ebersole’s research. In 2014, the club made a gift to support research regarding athletic performance and recovery by baseball players, particularly pitchers. Partnerships like these are helping our faculty, staff, and students keep our heroes healthy.

In 2008, there was little research examining occupational performance and baseball pitcher fatigue and recovery. Philanthropic support has helped me make scientific discoveries that allow firefighters and baseball players to perform better and more safely on the job.

Kyle Ebersole

The Brewers are privileged and honored to partner with UWM’s Human Performance & Sport Physiology Lab. This partnership helps both of our organizations develop the research outcomes necessary to advance our missions.

Roger Caplinger
Making Our Community Healthier

The College of Health Sciences has a tremendous impact on health and wellness statewide. Our faculty, staff, and students are improving the health and well-being of our communities through their research, education, and the exceptional services they provide. Hundreds of community partners collaborate with us on clinical training, community advocacy, internships, mentorships, research, and scholarships.

Support for these efforts will help us maintain vital health services that benefit patients, provide essential research, and serve to prepare our professionals. Donor support also ensures that our influence is felt far beyond the city of Milwaukee.

Community Services

People come to the College of Health Sciences for services related to hearing loss and speech-and-language disorders. Our physical therapy PhD students go out into the community to provide relief to cancer patients, and public transit users with disabilities have directly benefited from our work to make Milwaukee County buses more accessible to all. Support for services like these will enable us to help even more people in our community.

International Partnerships

Our college partners with universities from countries such as Austria, England, and Nigeria, and our research has attracted world-class scholars to UWM. Support for our international partnerships helps foster UWM's identity as a globally engaged university and enables more students to take part in internships, research projects, and humanitarian work abroad.

Travel Funds

Several of our faculty hold—or have held—leadership positions in prominent, national academic organizations related to their fields. This exposure raises the profile of UWM on a global level and recognizes the significant contributions our faculty have made to the health sciences professions. Support of travel funds helps defray costs when our faculty and students present at these important gatherings.

On a Roll for Change

Wheelchairs don’t require driver’s licenses or permits, but repeatedly using one the wrong way could result in injuries, such as carpal tunnel syndrome or rotator cuff tears. Associate Professor Brooke Slavens is helping to develop a geared wheelchair that could reduce these types of injuries.

To accomplish this, Slavens has partnered with IntelliWheels, makers of a geared wheel system that would make using a wheelchair similar to riding a 10-speed bike. “The idea is that it would make it much easier for people to use and push, with less energy demands and hopefully fewer muscle demands,” she says.

Slavens works directly with people of all ages, including veterans, who are wheelchair users. She collaborates not only with pediatricians but also with doctors at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. “We always team up with a physician to help provide that clinical drive and insight to know that all the work we’re doing is going to be applied to make an important impact and change, not just engineer to engineer, but to be able to take what we’re doing and provide it to someone in need.”

Generous support from IntelliWheels is helping us make it easier for people of all ages to use wheelchairs.

Brooke Slavens

Dr. Slavens’ work enables IntelliWheels to bring the right solution to market and serve the greater good.

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Marissa Siebel-Siero
CO-FOUNDER OF INTELLIWIhEELS
I received the Catherine Zimmer Scholarship as a graduate student, and now it is my turn to give back to the College of Health Sciences. I founded the Steven Family Scholarship to help other graduate students in the field of speech pathology.

RENE SCHWALBACH STEVEN ’84, ’85
LIBRARIAN/MEDIA SPECIALIST AT BROOKFIELD ACADEMY

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UWM’s College of Health Sciences is a national leader in educating students in the health professions and conducting leading-edge research. Our region’s health care industry is dependent on the college’s high-quality graduates for its workforce. My wife, Jayne, and I are proud to support the college’s mission.

– RANDALL S. LAMBRECHT
FORMER DEAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE AURORA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Changing lives through the gift of a scholarship is an opportunity of a lifetime. Our family is honored to support students who will contribute to excellence in tomorrow’s health care discovery and practice.

– CARYN EASTERLING
RETIRED ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

My education enabled me to have a successful career in the health care field and to go on to promote healthful cooking to the public as a TV cooking show host. This campaign will strengthen the College of Health Sciences in preparing more health care professionals to make their mark on the world.

– ALAMELU VAIRAVAN ’83
HOST OF PBS CREATE TV’S “HEALTHFUL INDIAN FLAVORS WITH ALAMELU”